

HOUSSE Update **June 19, 2007**

Indiana has received federal approval to continue the use of the **High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE)** for veteran teachers required to meet the highly qualified teacher standard. This means that veteran teachers may continue to use the HOUSSE because the HOUSSE will not be phased out as originally planned.

Highly Qualified Teacher Standard:

Note: The HOUSSE is one way, not the only way, for teachers to meet the highly qualified teacher standard:

To meet the highly qualified standard, veteran elementary teachers must have:

- 1) Completed requirements for a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades or be in an approved alternative certification program that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 300.18(b)(2)
- 2) Demonstrated subject matter knowledge in one of the following ways:
 - Passed either the PRAXIS II (#10011) licensing exam entitled "Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment"
 - Passed the National Teacher Exam (NTE) (#20010) Specialty test called "Education in the Elementary School"
 - Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE

To meet the highly qualified standard, veteran secondary teachers must have:

- 1) Completed requirements for a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for secondary grades or be in an approved alternative certification program that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 300.18(b)(2)
- 2) Demonstrated subject matter knowledge **for each core academic subject (CAS) taught**, in one of the following ways:
 - Passed the PRAXIS II exam
 - Passed the NTE specialty exam
 - Earned a bachelor's degree or completed 24 college credit hours
 - Earned a master's degree in the CAS
 - Completed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification
 - Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE

Public school teachers who are the primary instructors of elementary academic content and core academic subjects must meet the highly qualified standard. The core academic subjects are defined as the following: English, reading/language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, history, geography, and fine arts (music, art and theater). Teachers who teach subjects not listed as a core academic subject do not have to meet the highly qualified standard.

For more information, review *Identifying Indiana's Highly Qualified Teachers*:

<http://www.doe.state.in.us/hqt/pdf/InHQTdefinitionsMay18FINAL.pdf>. For a copy of the HOUSSE, see Indiana's Highly Qualified Teachers web site: www.doe.state.in.us/hqt.

Questions

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